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TOBACCO: Center is resource for the WHO

From Page 1D stockholder meetings. He's snapped thousands of photos of billboards, cigarette machines and a host of events sponsored by tobacco money.

The collection is contained in 2,500 boxes, most of which are in public storage. A small

"FABULOUS FUN AND FRESH!" ANNA FARIS in THE HOUSE BUNNY

"THE FIERCEST FEMALE FOURSOME SINCE 'SEX AND THE CITY'" The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

portion of the collection is housed in the basement of Nott Hall. It's not open to the public, but provides assistance to researchers, health officials and universities.

Books and more

The archive includes the largest collection of books on tobacco — more than 4,000 — at any university, Blum said.

There are also more than 1,000 video tapes and numerous items such as a vending machine that was used to dispense candy cigarettes to children.

"It hasn't been easy," said Blum, 60. "It's what I call scholarly activism."

Taken as a whole, the collection is not only critical of tobacco, but it also raises questions about the role of medical research in the issue.

The collection includes original copies of the famous 1964 report on tobacco and health from the U.S. surgeon general, the late Dr. Luther Terry, who was from Alabama.

The report was the product of a panel that had been approved by the tobacco industry. Then, tobacco companies disagreed with the panel's findings and insisted that much more research was needed before hampering an \$8 billion-a-year industry that so many people relied upon for their livelihoods.

The only other major entity to dispute the report was the American Medical Association, which had just accepted \$15 million from the tobacco industry to conduct research, Blum said.

Blum said funding from the tobacco industry has always been an ethical problem for many medical researchers. "They're doing it today."

'We lost 14 years'

It was ridiculous, Blum said. There was sufficient medical evidence by 1939, he said, to make the link between smoking and lung cancer.

After the surgeon general's report, it took 14 years for the AMA to come out with its own report concluding that smoking is dangerous.

"We lost 14 years," Blum said. "They kept this game going."



A 1950s Philip Morris advertisement from Life Magazine combines motherhood and cigarettes.



Newspaper articles in Blum's collection tell of landmark events in the history of tobacco and society.

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Last year, Philip Morris USA gave the University of Virginia a \$25 million gift to fund research. The School of Medicine and the McIntire School of Commerce said they would use the money to study ways to prevent smoking by children and to reduce the harm of smoking.

Blum is unimpressed. "Now they're doing work on making smoking safer," he said.

That's been tried before, Blum said, and it ended up giving people a false sense of safety. That's what the cigarette filter was all about.

"The filter is the biggest

fraud ever in the history of smoking," he said. "Filtered cigarettes do not confer any benefit whatsoever."

Blum is also highly suspicious of efforts to bring the cigarette industry under control of the Food and Drug Administration. He has testified before Congress against the legislation, which was written with the assistance of Philip Morris.

"It's the biggest single scandal I've seen in this field, and I've been doing this for 30 years," Blum said.

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GOOD NEIGHBORS

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ANSWERS

Fishing boat Gary Sexton, Trussville, 661-3145, wanted to buy a two-man fishing boat, similar to a Pelican Predator or a Pelican Bass Rider Pontoon fishing boat.

Good Neighbors: I have a boat for sale that is similar to the one that G.S. wants. This two-man plastic bass boat has lights and an aerated livewell. It has a Minn Kota trolling motor. - David Lawson, Gardendale, 631-6438.

Good Neighbors: I have for sale a Pelican two-seated fishing boat, used once. It has a fish finder mounted on the bow and is on a trailer. - Joseph A. Yester, Alpine, 256-268-1800.

Good Neighbors: I have for sale a two-man bass boat with trolling motor. G.S. may call me for more information. - John Songer, Trussville, 335-7109.

Good Neighbors: I have for sale a two-man Bass Tender 10.5 boat with trailer and also a 5-horsepower outboard motor. - B. White, Alabaster, 260-3925.

Good Neighbors: I have a boat that might be of interest

to G.S. It is a Pelican boat (10 feet 3 inches) with a 50-pod thrust Minn Kota motor. It is like new. - T. Hendrix, Pelham, 663-5569.

Diving board

M. Mann, Gardendale, 631-6816, wanted to buy an 8-foot diving board, either new or used.

Good Neighbors: We have for sale a 10-foot diving board with case. It has never been used. If M.M. is interested in it, she may call me. - K. Clements, Talladega, 256-268-2732.

Sewing machine manual

E. Cornelius, Pinson, 680-3000, wanted to buy or photocopy an owner's manual for an old model New Home sewing machine.

Good Neighbors: I have a manual for a New Home sewing machine, model 702. If this is what E.C. needs, she may contact me.

The Sewing Emporium in Chula Vista, Calif., 619-420-3490, has copies of most sewing machine manuals. They are a reputable company for all sewing needs. - P. Reagan, Moody, 640-3451.

Display rack

For a classroom, N.E. Buklad, Birmingham, 595-7514, wanted to buy a small display rack that can hold several different wildlife and science magazines.

Good Neighbors: I have a clear Lucite wall-mounted

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